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Subject:

USS Reference Number: 11-0077 ACHD Reference Number: 13619

Sulfur Plant

USS Clairton Works

Gentlemen:

The attached form confirms our verbal report of the subject incident. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Coleen M. Davis at 412-233-1015.

Sincerely,

James F. Dudek Plant Manager Clairton Works

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## NOTICE OF BREAKDOWN OF EQUIPMENT ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

- 1. USS Reference Number: 11-0077
  ACHD Reference Number: 13619
- 2. Date & Time of Breakdown: Date: 03/11/11 Time: 0855 hours
- 3. Company Name: U.S. Steel Corporation USS Clairton Works
- 4. Specific Equipment Involved or Affected: Sulfur Plant
- 5. BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):
- 6. Location: Clairton, PA
- 7. Nature and cause of breakdown: The 40 grain H2S limit at the Sulfur Plant was momentarily exceeded while isolating the dehydrator for maintenance.
- 8. Identification of Emissions:
  - A. Type(s) (CO, NOX, SO<sub>2</sub>, Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.)
    Hydrogen Sulfide in the down river gas, causing higher SO<sub>2</sub>
    at the combustion points.
  - B. Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality). SO<sub>2</sub> is an eye, nose, and throat irritant.
  - C. Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted). Light to Moderate
- 9. Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so). The gas processing stabilized and normal operations resumed.
- 10. Facility back in operation Date: 03/11/11 Time: 0920 hours

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Senior Environmental Control Engineer Phone: 412-233-1015